

# **FAUQUIER COUNTY AIRPORT COMMITTEE**

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, February 25, 2002 – 5:00 p.m.  
Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Conference Room

#### **1. Call to Order:**

The regular meeting of the Fauquier County Airport Committee was called to order by the Chairman at 5:00 p.m. on 25 February in the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Conference Room, Midland, Virginia. In attendance were:

#### **Committee (Voting) Members:**

James W. Van Luven  
Charles M. Medvitz  
Sharon Grove McCamy

Ray Graham

Willis P. Risdon  
Dennis Hunsberger  
Arthur Nash

Lee District Representative, Chairman  
Scott District Representative  
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Lee District Representative  
Fauquier County Board of Supervisors  
Cedar Run District  
Citizen at Large  
Citizen at Large  
Marshall District Representative

#### **County Staff:**

Tony Hooper  
Billy Jenkins

Assistant County Administrator  
County Operations and Services Supervisor

#### **Staff:**

George Paris  
Cindi Martin  
Chad Carper  
Ron Gatewood  
Richard Calderon

Campbell & Paris Engineers  
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Tracey Corporation – FBO  
Community Development Department

#### **Guests:**

Andy Andrews  
Ken Purks  
Dutch Rauch  
David Fields  
Mike Korent  
Ron King

#### **Absent:**

Kenneth W. Hyde  
Sparky Lewis

Center District Representative  
Town of Warrenton

**2. Adoption of the Agenda:**

Sharon McCamy moved and Ray Graham seconded a motion to adopt the agenda as presented that was carried unanimously.

**3. Adoption of Minutes:**

Ray Graham moved and Sharon McCamy seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2002 meeting that was carried unanimously.

**4. Visitors:**

Chairman VanLuven welcomed the guests to the meeting.

**5. Finance Committee Report:**

Dennis Hunsberger distributed a summary financial report that has been previously reviewed by the Finance Committee. The report is attached.

**6. Review of Runway Expansion/Improvement Plans:**

Chad Carper handed out an update which is attached. The new runway of 5,000 by 100 feet, both extends and widens current facilities. Mr. Carper discussed costs associated with the impact of the extension on existing gas and fiber optics facilities and indicated that shift of the runway by 175 feet could avoid this conflict. The project will be divided into three phases to correspond to funding authorizations. Further explanation was provided concerning operations during construction that would be possible with some restrictions and shortened runways over a six-month period. This portion of the work would most likely occur in mid-2003. The possibility of an additional State grant application for NAVAIDs was also discussed.

In order to keep the airport users-group informed, it was decided to hold a briefing regarding the airport improvements in conjunction with the Spring Safety Seminar.

**7. Review of Midland Service District Plan:**

Richard Calderon updated the airport committee on the work of the Midland Planning District committee. Of special interest to the committee were future roadway connections that would improve access to the airport.

**8. FBO Update:**

Tony Hooper advised the committee that under the current lease terms, there is an opportunity to renegotiate the lease. Tony will work with the Finance Committee to propose modifications to the current arrangement.

**9. Roundtable:**

Tony Hooper reported that he and Chairman VanLuven had attended the February Virginia Aviation Board meeting. Budget issues pertaining to the Aviation World Fair continue to dominate the VAB agenda. It was also reported that the County Administrator's budget proposes to re-categorize personal property taxes resulting in a proposed rate of \$1.50 per 100 for airplanes, which represents a significant increase above the 60¢ per 100 existing rate.

The committee requested that a letter to the Board of Supervisors be prepared to support the current property tax rate. Although the rate increase would provide additional airport revenue, it would have a negative market impact in comparison to Stafford and Culpeper. The Finance Committee scheduled a March 5, 2002 meeting to review this and other matters.

Tony further reported that investigation into new waste disposal options for the airport and adjacent properties looks promising.

Ron Gatewood provided an update on construction of the new t-hangar. Ron anticipates the building being completed in May 2002.

**10. Closed Session:**

Dennis Hunsberger moved to go into a closed meeting pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711.A3 for the purpose of discussing property lease matters not releasable to the public. Willis Risdon seconded, and the vote for the motion was unanimous as follows:

VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. James VanLuven; Mr. Charles M. Medvitz; Mr. Raymond Graham; Ms. Sharon McCamy; Mr. Willis Risdon; Mr. Dennis Hunsberger; and Mr. Arthur Nash

Nays: None

Absent During Vote: Mr. Kenneth Hyde; and Mr. Sparky Lewis

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**CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Committee has convened an executive meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Committee that such executive meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia Law; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 2002, That the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Warrenton-Fauquier Airport Committee.

VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. James VanLuven; Mr. Charles M. Medvitz; Mr. Raymond Graham; Ms. Sharon McCamy; Mr. Willis Risdon; Mr. Dennis Hunsberger; and Mr. Arthur Nash

Nays: None

Absent During Vote: Mr. Kenneth Hyde; and Mr. Sparky Lewis

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Tony Hooper was asked to work on a contract for airport management services.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.